has been partition and that the lands belong only to the person applying for the loan? On account of this the grant of loans is delayed from one year to eighteen months.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : In some cases the Government are aware of it. But we expect the people who desire to get loans to produce the certificates.

Nagapattinam Port

* 44 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Nagapattinam Port authorities do not allow passenger steamers bound from Malaya to call at Nagapattinam Port; and

(*b*) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) No. There was only a temporary suspension of passenger traffic at the Nagapattinam Port due to the construction of a pier into the sea. The port has since been opened to passenger traffic from the 10th October 1962.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

CONSTITUTION OF TOWNSHIP FOR THE VALPARAI PANCHAYAT AREA IN THE COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I beg to move the following Resolution :—

"That in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958 (Madras Act XXXV of 1958), the House do resolve that the Valparai Panchayat comprising the Anamalai Hills revenue village in the Coimbatore District which is an industrial colony, be declared to be a township."

Sir, the Valparai Panchayat comprising the entire Anamalai Hills revenue village in the Coimbatore District has an area of 157 square miles. Its population is about 80,000 and the average income is about Rs. 4 lakhs. Though the area satisfies the conditions for the constitution of a municipality, the features of the area do not warrant the constitution of such a municipality. The vastness and the special features of the area require administration by a special authority. It is, therefore, proposed to constitute a township for the Valparai Panchayat treating the area as an industrial colony under section 4 of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958. It is proposed to notify the township with effect from the 14th April 1963, that is, the Tamil New Year's Day. Notifications regarding the constitution of the township will be placed on the table of the Legislative Council shortly.